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Division of Environmental Health


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MEMORANDUM

To: Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Coordinators,
Health Care Providers,
Regional Nursing Consultants

From:  Deborah W. Harris, Public Health Nursing Consultant
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Through:  Ed Norman, Program Manager
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Re: Revisions to the North Carolina Screening and Follow-up Manual
And Follow-up Testing Policy

The North Carolina Screening and Follow-up Manual is currently in the process of being revised. The completion and distribution of the revised manual is anticipated for early to mid-summer.

In the process of revising the manual, it was decided that one change should be implemented now. Currently, children with confirmed elevated blood lead levels are tested until they have three consecutive blood lead tests less than 10 µg/dL. Once the child has received three consecutive tests less than 10 µg/dL, the child's name is removed from the surveillance report. This recommendation was derived from the 1991 CDC guidance document at a time when the lowest blood lead level requiring follow-up testing was 15 µg/dL.

Effective with the date of this memorandum, children with confirmed elevated blood lead levels will only need to receive two consecutive blood tests less than 10 µg/dL and these children's names will be removed from the periodic surveillance report.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (252) 824-2911.